(b) and (c). During the current year, terrorist activities have been reported in some other States of the country besides Punjab and Kashmir. The Government is fully aware of the situation created by the terrorist elements and is determined to ensure that the durable climate of peace, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction with the active cooperation of the State Governments.

Norms for Rural Electrification by Central Electricity Authority

1765. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has laid some norms for electrification of villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the authority propose to relax its norms with a view to achieve the target of electrifying eighty per cent villages of all districts of Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh within three years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). According to the Electricity Supply Act, Rural Electrification works fall within the purview of utilities/ State Electricity Boards, and accordingly various State Electricity Boards fix norms of their own for village electrification. The scheme relating to RE work costing more than Rs.5 crores are alone to be techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority.

(c) and (d). The district-wise priorities and allocations are finalised on annual basis by the State Authorities depending on the State's total targets and allocations fixed by the Planning Commission.

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S.T.D. Facility Between Delhi and States

1766. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of district headquarters of States and Union Territories have been connected through S.T.D facility with Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of these districts, as on November 30, 1991, Statewise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether a large number of districts, are still to be connected with S.T.D. from Delhi;

(d) if so, the names of these districts, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement-I is attached.

(c) No, Sir, only 45 district headquarters out of the total 479 are remaining to be connected with STD facility.

(d) Statement-II is attached.

(e) Work is in progress for providing